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Senator: Senator Bridget McKenzie

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Question:

Senator McKENZIE: Maybe you will have to do this on notice, but for each year of the council's existence since 2006 could you please provide the number of staff employed.

Mr Frost: I can do that.

Answer:

COAG Reform Council staff numbers from 2008–09 to 2012–13, as outlined in the Council's annual reports, are contained in the table below.

Financial year	Number of staff
2008–09	15
2009–10	23
2010–11	28
2011–12	28
2012–13	29

Noting that while COAG agreed in-principle to the establishment of the Council in 2006, the Council was not formally established until 2007. As at 22 May 2008, the Council had four staff members, and as at 1 June 2014, the Council had 24 staff members.